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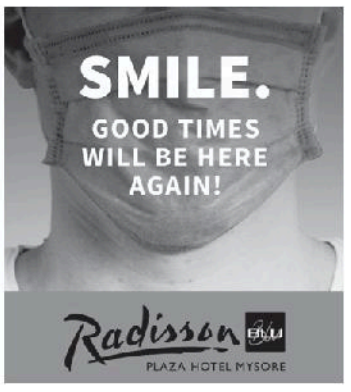

14-day COVID Curfew

Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa and his Cabinet colleagues arriving for the crucial Cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha this morning.

CABINET DECISIONS

- Government refuses to use the word 'lockdown'
- Janata Curfew will be enforced from tomorrow night
- Shopping window of essential items only from 6 am to 10 am across the State
- Free vaccines for all between 18 and 45 years of age in Government Hospitals
- Existing night curfew will be extended till 14 days
- No public transport; People have to use private transport to reach workplace
- Goods vehicles will be allowed freely
- All shops & business establishments closed
- Garments factories will be closed but all other industries will function normally
- Construction activities will continue
- Liquor Shops open from 6 am to 10 am but only parcel service
- Hotels open with only takeaways
- No inter-district and inter-State travel

Bengaluru, Apr. 26 (KMS& BCT) - The State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa met in Bengaluru this morning to deliberate on COVID situation in Karnataka and the guidelines are expected to be released by this evening. Addressing a press conference after the meeting, the CM refused to use the word 'lockdown' but Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai coined the word 'COVID Curfew' and 'Janata Curfew.'

The meeting that began at 11 am went on till 1.45 pm and the decision-makers are meeting the COVID Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members before formulating guidelines.

The first agenda before the Cabinet was to extend the weekendcurfew to all weekdays. Maharashtra has set an example where new positive cases have seen a decline following stringent lockdown measures. Ministers at the meeting discussed that similar measures have to be imposed in Karnataka too.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar told the Cabinet that the State must go for a 15-day lockdown to control the spiralling cases. Terming the situation as 'gone out of hand', he told the CM that a complete fortnight lockdown was the only solution to give a respite to the deepening crisis. "We have to break the chain at any cost and it is a matter of 10-15 days," Dr. Sudhakar told the Cabinet.

(See CURFEW on page 7)

Former UoM VC Prof. Selvie Das passes away

Prof. P. Selvie Das

Mysuru, Apr. 26 (RK&DM)- Prof. P. Selvie Das, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM), a renowned educationist and a former Parliamentarian, passed away at her residence in Bengaluru in the wee hours of today following prolonged illness. She was 89.

She was a spinster. Last rites were held at Bengaluru this afternoon, according to sources.

Born in 1932 at KGF (Kolar Gold Fields) in Kolar district of Karnataka, Prof. Selvie Das had her higher education at Chennai, where she got her Ph.D degree in Rural Economics.

After working for a brief period as Assistant Researcher at a reputed Institution, she served as the Director of Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka, from 1977 to 1988, when she was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University.

(See SELVIE DAS on page 6)

100-bed Hospital to be ready in a week

MUDA Chairman and team inspect renovated Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital with oxygenated emergency facility

Mysuru, Apr. 26 (RK& DM)- The District Administration is ready to set up a 100 oxygenated-bed emergency facility in the fully renovated Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital near Nanjumalige Circle on JLB road in city within a week to handle COVID-19 cases.

With pending civil, electrical and cleaning works going on in full-swing at the yet to be commissioned Hospital, MUDA Chairman

H.V. Rajeev, accompanied by a host of top officials, inspected the Hospital this morning.

Speaking to presspersons after inspecting the ongoing works and the preparations, Rajeev said that with all necessary works nearing completion, the Hospital will start functioning in a week, with joint partnership of MUDA, MCC and Cauvery Hospital.

(See HOSPITAL on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 26th April 2021

People volunteering to undergo COVID test

Mysuru, Apr.26 (MTY&DM)- As the deadly COVID -19 pandemic continues to cause havoc across the country claiming the lives of many, the residents of the city and district are volunteering to undergo COVID-19 tests as a precautionary measure.

On Sunday, the second day of the weekend curfew, more than 100 people got tested for the pandemic at the free test centres set up at Town Hall and Dufferin Clock Tower (Chikka Gadiyara) in the heart of the city.

The health authorities conducted RT-PCR test on some and RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) on others depending upon the symptoms they showed and the necessity. A few people who tested positive, were asked to undergo home quarantine. The two test centres were witness to some emotional scenes, as a girl who tested positive, sat crying. Her parents consoled her, standing by a safe distance and was finally taken to a hospital.

In another incident, a woman brought her ailing husband in an auto. As the man tested positive, the health staff advised them to consult a doctor.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

India had to literally choke for the election carnival to stop, for any semblance of official recognition that, er … look here, we have a minor matter of a pandemic on our hands. That there were no medicines, no hospital beds, no oxygen, no vaccine even. And that people were dying like flies. But they paid heed finally. Now, the vaccine, rest assured, will be sold at a nice mark-up to States. That's just an official variant of life-saving medicines being sold for a little profit by honest blackmarketeers. If there's a problem, air will be imported to Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Foreign oxygen.

We might need it too. Even our institutions are running short of oxygen. Look at the poor Election Commission. It fell upon the political leaders — from Rahul Gandhi to Mamata Banerjee and now Narendra Modi — to exhibit some voluntary virtue and cancel rallies. Our EC could not gather enough courage to tell them to stay put in the party office or to issue their rousing war-cries from TV studios. Instead, it had ordered silence between 7 pm and 10 am — as if the virus was a nocturnal hunter, or that it could get transmitted through sound. But yes, it's a decree. We sit in silence, obediently, counting our dead. —*Santwana Bhattacharya in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Doraemon-themed engagement party goes viral

Hanoi: A young Vietnamese couple got their five minutes of online fame last month after photos of their unique Doraemon-themed engagement party went viral on social media.

Khanh Lam and Xuan Khanh are both big fans of Doraemon, the blue robotic cat beloved by millions of people all over the world, so while brainstorming ideas on how to make their engagement an event to remember, they decided to go with a Doraemon-themed party. Although they expected their families to disagree with their "childish" idea, they were surprised to receive a lot of support from everybody. About six months ago, they started collecting all sorts of Doraemon memorabilia and last month they finally put together their dream engagement party.

Dog joins track meet relay race and wins

Utah: A video footage of a High School track meet in Utah has gone viral on social media after a dog ran out onto the track, joined the race and became the first to cross the finish line in the race.

The video, filmed on the track at Logan High School, shows Gracie Laney in the lead during the last leg of a relay race when a dog, named Holly, darts through the crowd of runners and passes Laney just before she crossed the finish line.

Laney said she heard the crowd getting loud and assumed a human runner was approaching her from the back. Though Laney officially came in first in the race, it was Holly who crossed the finish line before her.

Holly's owners said the canine caught a glimpse of a baton being passed in the race and pulled her leash from an owner's hand. The owners apologized for Holly's behavior, but Laney said there was no harm done. "I honestly am just glad that we didn't get hurt. It's a fun experience," she said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

When should a couple consult a specialist regarding difficulty in getting pregnant?

Out of 100 couples trying to conceive naturally, around 10 will succeed in the very first month. 85 will conceive after 1 year of trying to conceive. So, it is strongly recommended that the remaining 15 couples, having tried to conceive for one year, should meet a specialist and get some basic tests done after

***Dr. Nivedita Shetty** - Chief of Reproductive Medicine & IVF*

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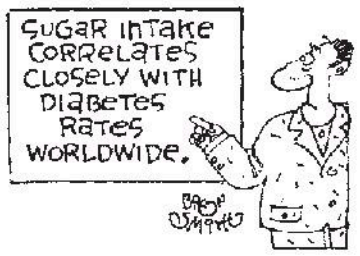

At the current rate, by 2050, one in three American adults will have Type II diabetes. Having adequate magnesium levels by way of diet and supplementation can help prevent the onset of diabetes.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.24	APR.25
Day's Positive Cases	536	700
Total Positive Cases	65,992	66,692
Day's Discharges	637	573
Total Discharges	59,926	60,499
Day's Deaths	4	9
Total Deaths	1,144	1,153
Total Active Cases	4,922	5,040

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Education scheme posts to continue

Mysuru, Apr.26 (SPN&DM)- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has decided to continue teaching and teaching posts under the Samagra Shiksha Yojana, for the coming academic year too.

The State Planning Director had appealed the Government to continue with a total of 15,531 teaching and other posts and 1,444 non-teaching posts under the Samagra Shiksha Yojana for the coming academic year too. The appointment to non-teaching posts were made under DPEP, Contract and Outsourced basis.

Following the appeal, the Government has given nod for continuance of posts for the upcoming academic year.

The Under Secretary to the Department of Primary and Secondary Education S.R.S. Nathan has issued an order to this effect.

REALLY...?

- ***A bunny's big ears aren't just for listening! And those amazing ears can also be rotated almost a full circle to 270 degrees.***
- ***Crocodiles are the biggest reptiles on Earth. Since they are big, there is a crocodile species called "Dwarf Crocodile." They are widespread. Crocodiles don't chew their food.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Correct the sentence, "A bull and a cow is grazing in the field."*
Student: *"A cow and a bull is grazing in the field."*
Teacher: *How?*
Student: *Ladies first !!??*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.77
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.36
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.50

VOICE OF THE READER

Vaccination: Provide separate time slot for senior citizens

Sir,

The Government is opening up vaccination for youngsters who are 18 years and above from 1st of May onwards. In the meantime, there are so many senior citizens who are due for second dose vaccination during the above period.

It is a matter of great concern for senior citizens for two reasons — increased number of COVID cases in the city and aversion to wear mask by youngsters.

There are other concerns also for senior citizens, that is, the 45 days to 60 days gap for administering the second dose and the fear of shortage of vaccines.

In order to avoid crowding and also to protect the senior citizens, it is suggested to keep different time slot for seniors. Hence, the District Administration is requested to reserve the afternoon slot for vaccination to senior citizens.

—B. Gurudev Singh,
Senior Citizen
Vijayanagar 3rd Stage
24.4.2021

Online tax payment platform: Some suggestions

Sir,

This is regarding the software platform provided by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for online payment of property tax. Hope, the authorities concerned will take a look at these suggestions and improve overall user experience.

1. The software needs thorough quality assurance testing.

2. The user-interface is very poorly designed; so consult an expert in this field or look at similar implementation for improvement.

3. The system is not secure; anybody can access anybody's record.

4. There is no way to retrieve the self-assessment form after the payment is made.

5. It appears that there is a software bug which makes the system to fail to generate the receipt, not always but sometimes.

6. The system should allow to generate the receipt on demand.

7. The 'self assessment form' can't be edited. Of course, it needs a secure interface and may be an approval from the Revenue Inspector.

8. There are many data entry errors, including the name of the property owner. Provide a helpline to correct the same.

9. No response for a query that I raised through e-mail and WhatsApp.

—Balakrishna Bhat
Mysuru
23.4.2021

How about implementing work from home for Govt. staff?

Sir,

The IT companies have switched to alternate-working options including staggered working hours and enabling work from home option for almost all its employees owing to the COVID-19 outbreak and its restrictions due to curfews.

The move to encourage work from home is a welcome step at a time when the pandemic is affecting public health and safety. It should further be explored not only in such a crisis but also to combat air pollution and everyday traffic chaos prevailing in an urban ecosystem.

A people-friendly policy should be now framed to mandatorily impose work from home options even at Government workplaces as most of the Government Departments now rely on the internet through e-office rather than the paperwork to execute their work.

The Government thus will go a long way to improve the productivity of its employees through the implementation of an effective work from home strategy.

—Varun Dambal
Bengaluru
22.4.2021

Nodal Officers appointed

Mysuru, Apr. 26 (SSV)- For better management of COVID-19 pandemic, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has appointed Dr. Dinesh, General Surgeon, MMC&RI and Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, District Tuberculosis Officer, as Nodal Officers for Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and K.R. Hospital.

In a press release here, the DC said these two Officers will take care of arranging beds for patients, vaccination, RT-PCR test and other services without any shortfall.

Union Minister reviews COVID situation in Karnataka

D.V. Sadananda Gowda holds high-level meeting at Vidhana Soudha

Bengaluru, Apr.26 (SSV)- The Union Government is ready to help the State Government to extend all help like medicines, vaccines and oxygen to fight against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, said Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertiliser D.V. Sadananda Gowda.

D.V. Sadananda Gowda

He was presiding over a high-level meeting held in Vidhana Soudha here to take stock of COVID-19 situation in Karnataka in which Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar, Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Jawaid Akther, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Raman Reddy and others attended.

The Union Minister said everyone must work unitedly to trounce this virus. The Government of India was always ready to provide any help to the State. But the State Officers must be in constant touch with the Centre on Corona situation and requirement of medicines such as Remdesivir injection. A Senior Officer has been stationed at his office in New Delhi to provide all help to State, he said.

Later, talking to reporters, Sadananda Gowda said Karnataka had placed a demand for one lakh vials of Remdesivir injection for use till Apr. 30. But, already 1.22 lakh vials had been allotted. Similarly, 800 metric tonnes of oxygen has been made available to the State. The allotment of Remdesivir injection was made on the basis of patients and for this reason, only 25,000 vials has been given, he said.

In the meantime, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa wanted more quantity of injection following surge in Corona positive cases. After his intervention, Karnataka was allotted an additional 25,000 vials of Remdesivir injection, he added. Many States had argued that the quantity of Remdesivir injection must not be decided on the basis of oxygen usage but on the number of Corona positive patients. Accordingly, a new system of allotment of Remdesivir has been followed, he noted.

More vaccine

The Union Minister said the State has sought additional allotment of vaccine to speed up the vaccination drive. Presently, around 2.5 lakh people were vaccinated daily and they want to increase it to four lakh daily. The additional demand for vaccines and oxygen will be discussed in the next Union Cabinet meeting, he said.

Tough situation

Sadananda Gowda said Bengaluru city has been hit badly in second COVID-19 wave with highest number of positive cases daily. Experts have opined prevalence of such a situation in the next ten days. The weekend curfew has been successful throughout the State and a decision to extend this curfew during week days was left to the wisdom of the CM and his Cabinet colleagues, he observed.

Modular ICU and Ventilator in all Medical College Hospital campuses: Dr. Sudhakar

1,000 portable oxygen generators for each district

Bengaluru, Apr. 26 (SSV)- The State Government is mulling setting up of modular ICU and ventilator beds at Victoria and other teaching hospital campuses, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

Speaking to media after site inspection at Victoria campus yesterday, he said 85 beds in one building at Victoria campus, 180 beds in PMSSY will be reserved for COVID patients. Along with this, 100-150 bed makeshift hospitals will be set up at other suitable Medical College Hospital campuses, he said.

The Minister said 5,000 portable oxygen generators for Bengaluru and 1,000 each for all districts will be provided.

Seventy-five percent of beds in all Private Medical Colleges will be reserved for COVID-19. Apart from this, 2,000-3,000 additional beds will be setup in makeshift units at all Government Hospitals within 15 days.

He said the Centre has allocated 1,22,000 Remdesivir to State and increased daily allocation of medical oxygen from 300 MT to 800 MT.

Later, Dr. Sudhakar met Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda to discuss supply of sufficient oxygen and Remdesivir and the latter is said to have assured full support to ensure there is no shortage of drugs and oxygen in the State.

Setting fire to Maddur Forest in Bandipur

One more nabbed; Total arrests goes up to four

Gundlupet, Apr. 26 (SOMG &KS) - The Forest Department officials, who had earlier arrested three persons on charges of setting fire to Maddur Forest in Bandipur Project Tiger recently, have arrested one more person, thus bringing the number of arrests to four.

The arrested person is 55-year-old Kongalli of Lakshmipura village. He has been remanded to judicial custody.

On Apr. 23, the Forest officials had arrested 48-year-old Cheluva of Lakshmipura Colony, 38-year-old Ganesh of Kerala and a minor boy. Bandipur Project Tiger Director Natesha said that efforts are being made to arrest others involved in setting fire.

Maddur Range Forest Officer (RFO) B. Sudhakar, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) L. Nagaraju and Ramalingappa, Guards Devendra and Naveen and driver Devaiah, took part in the nabbing operation.

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Deadline extended

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has extended the deadline for submitting applications for post-matric scholarships for the year 2020-21 to Apr. 30. Applications for scholarships, fee exemption, Vidyasiri-Food and Accommodation Scholarship scheme and scholarships for Nursing students can be submitted online. Following request from students and institutions, the deadline is extended. Interested students can submit their applications by logging on to https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/. For details, contact Mob: 805507-70005/004 or visit: https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/.

Discount on books

The publications of Prasaranga, University of Mysore and other institutes are on sale with 50% off, encyclopedia and dictionaries in English and in Kannada languages with 25% off till June 31 in Mysuru. Interested buyers can purchase the books at the Prasaranga shop on Hunsur Road and the outlet at the Ramaswamy Circle in city.

Second PU Practical exams postponed

Days after the PU Education Department announced the 2nd PUC Science practical exams will be held from Apr. 28, the Department, on Sunday, has stated that the exams have been postponed. Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said that the 2nd PU practical exams have been postponed. The Department will hold the practical exams after the theory exams gets over in mid June, he added.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	93.65	feet
Yesterday	:	94.05	feet
Inflow	:	344	cusecs
Outflow	:	421	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2260.69	feet
Inflow	:	352	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.50	feet
Inflow	:	150	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

Sewage Farm-like waste dumping spot on city outskirts irks residents

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Apr. 26- In a sharp contrast to Mysuru's honour of bagging the Cleanest City tag for two successive years just a few years ago, a Sewage Farm-like waste dumping spot has come up on the outskirts of the city, which has irked the residents.

Heaps and mounds of wastes, garbage and debris that have piled up around Bharath Nagar and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nagar, has made life a hell for the residents of both these localities, who are cursing the authorities for their apathy and negligence.

Bharath Nagar and Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, coming under Hanchya Gram Panchayat limits of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, were jointly developed by Karnataka Slum Development Board and MUDA years ago. Now, most of the roads in these two localities are reeling under unbearable stench that emanates from the pile up of uncleared wastes and garbage.

With the MCC and other civic agencies failing to collect and dispose off wastes, the residents of the two localities, which has a large population of SC/ST and minority communities, are forced to live with heaps of wastes. The uncleared waste poses a serious health hazard to the residents, who are forced to cope with the stench that emanate from rotten wet wastes. The MUDA, which has developed Sathagalli Layout nearby, where many posh houses have sprung up, too seems to have remained a silent spectator.

With MCC and other local bodies failing to clear wastes, the people of Bharath Nagar and Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, light fire to garbage heaps, which lie scattered along the roads, once in a week or a fortnight. The foul smell that emanates with the burning of plastics dumped along with wastes, has become unbearable for residents in the vicinity. Also, the toxic stench poses a serious health hazard.

Residents alleged that the MCC's propaganda that it is working to make Mysuru a garbage-free city seems to be a farce, looking at the apathetic attitude of officials and people representatives. They sarcastically say that like the residents, the officials and *netas* too should burn wastes here and 'enjoy' the stench that emanates from it.

Though most of the roads in Bharath Nagar and Ambedkar Nagar and surroundings are asphalted, most of these roads are covered with wastes and garbage, which is causing severe inconvenience to pedestrians and motorists alike. The heaps of waste also pose a threat to livestock and stray dogs, as they come in search of leftover food, thrown in plastic covers.

Residents said that there is no door-to-door garbage collection system in place in the two localities and also there is no specified waste dumping spots. As such, they are forced to dump wastes of their houses at spots where garbage are already found dumped. Besides, residents of surrounding localities, who come in two-wheelers and other vehicles, dump plastic bags containing wastes.

"We had ourselves cleared all the wastes a couple of times. But this is not enough. There is an imperative need for clearing of garbage and wastes on a daily basis. We can live with relief only if the authorities take some urgent action for disposal of wastes," they maintained.

MUDA Zone-5 Executive Engineer Mohan said that MUDA has developed Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nagar and Karnataka Slum Development Board has built houses under JnNurm in the locality, while Bharath Nagar was developed by Karnataka Slum Development Board. MUDA had cleared wastes in Ambedkar Nagar a few times by engaging private agencies.

But MUDA itself has no waste disposal mechanism and the Slum Development Board too is not extending help. However, a permanent solution will be found to the waste problem in the coming days, he maintained.

Obituary

Akbar Shareef

Mysuru, Apr. 26- Akbar Shareef (73), retired Superintendent at the Social Welfare Department, passed away this morning at his residence in Udayagiri.

He leaves behind three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle this afternoon, according to family sources.

Shyook Ahmed

Shyook Ahmed (52), son of late Abdul Rasheed and a resident of N.R. Mohalla 11th Cross, passed away yesterday evening in city.

Brother-in-Law of Abdullah Ansari of Dubai Center, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle last night, according to family sources.

Bojjangada Somanna

Bojjangada Somanna (74), a resident of KHB Colony in Hootagalli, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two

daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday, according to family sources.

V. Shantha

V. Shantha (69), wife of late A. Gurunath and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'K' Block, passed away in the early hours of Saturday in Bengaluru following a heart attack.

She leaves behind son A.G. Rakesh, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in Bengaluru on Saturday, according to family sources.

Papegowda

Nanjangud: Papegowda (80), a resident of Ahalya village near Hullahalli in the taluk, passed away on Saturday morning at the village.

He leaves behind his wife Puttasiddamma, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land in the village on Saturday afternoon, according to family sources.

Humanity wins: Cooked food eases hunger pangs of many

Akshaya Aahara Foundation distributes food to migrants, daily wage workers during weekend lockdown

Mysuru, Apr. 26 (RKB&BCT)- As the pandemic is leaving deep scars across the country, many social organisations were able to foresee the depth of the socio-economic impact that is caused by the pandemic. With utmost presence of mind, several NGOs distributed free meals to migrant labourers and whoever was found hungry on the streets last year during lockdown.

The same scene was witnessed in Mysuru yesterday during the weekend curfew when Akshaya Aahara Foundation distributed food in city at three places. The Foundation's target was stranded passengers, migrant labourers, daily wage workers who had no access to food and also commuters who come to city in search of work every day.

As weekend curfew was imposed at 9 pm from last Friday, many commuters and daily wage workers were unable to return homes at far off places like Hunsur, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Gundlupet Malavalli and Thalavadi in Tamil Nadu. In the absence of buses, many were forced to sleep in bus shelters, parks and in front of shops.

As they had to return to work on Monday (today), they preferred to sleep over at available open spaces. As the hotels were serving only parcel service, they did not have a place to sit and eat. Neither did they have money. The Akshaya Aahara Foundation provided them food on both Saturday and Sunday.

Three meals were served by the Foundation near K.R. Hospital where it has a permanent outlet, Moksha Marga at Siddarthanagar and at Sumasopana Park at Kuvempunagar. Dishes included freshly cooked *upma,* sweets and *puliyogare.* Notably, at the K.R. Hospital outlet, hundreds of relatives and patient attendees too queued up to have a meal.

The Akshaya Aahara Foundation is the brainchild of H.R. Rajendra, who began the initiative on November 13, 2015. He is a native of Tumakuru and based in Mysuru now and has a strong belief that people must not waste cooked food.

On usual days, Rajendra collects surplus food prepared at various parts of the city at hotels, marriages, social functions, cafeterias and sometimes even from households and supplies them to the poor and needy at slums and places where there is more concentration of daily wage workers. Food is also distributed to orphanages.

The Foundation got into act last year immediately after the nationwide lockdown was announced and went around streets to supply food. Prepared food was carried in pick-up vehicles and auto rickshaws three times a day and the hungry were fed. "We supply food to the place where hungry people sit. If the Government again imposes lockdown, we are ready to supply food like last year," Rajendra told *Star of Mysore.*

Rajendra said that he put in his personal savings of years to build the Foundation and there are many donors too. "While some donate money and some others contribute towards the fuel cost of vehicles. It is important to raise funds to be active and donors and philanthropists can contact Ph: 0821-2570967 or Mob: 91489-87375 and contribute to the noble cause," he said.

Youth turns back on his father after discharge from Hospital

An instance of deteriorating human relationships in COVID times

Mysuru, Apr. 26 (MK&BCT)- The Coronavirus contagion has had significant effects on family and social relationships. While some have been strengthened, others have come under severe strain. Cooped up at homes, many have felt the strain on relationships as they worry about health, profession and finances — a domestic crisis behind closed doors.

Sadly, more and more elderly people feel that their health is deteriorating along with their relationship with family members. A sort of live example for this was seen at the District Hospital (COVID Hospital) in city last evening where a youth abandoned his 55-year-old father on the road and left in a huff after an argument. The youth was angry at his father for spreading the disease in the family.

The old man was admitted to the Hospital nine days ago as he was suffering from COVID and got discharged yesterday after his condition became stable. Accordingly, the Hospital staff had informed the elderly man's family about the discharge.

The old man's son had come to the Hospital in a scooter to pick up his father. After coming out of the ward, the old man felt dizzy and sat by the side of the road.

Wearing a towel around his neck and carrying a plastic bag, the old man told his son that he was feeling exhausted and needed some time to get back his strength.

SOM reporter, who was at the spot, was a witness to the incident and below is the conversation between the father and son. Names have been kept confidential.

Old man: "I am feeling tired and need some rest. We can go after some time. You also wait with me."

Son:"You have spread the disease to everyone in the family. Enough of this, will you come now?"

Old man: "Please understand I am not in a position to climb the scooter. I am tired and I need to sit for some time. We will go home later."

Son:"We have to go immediately. Tell me if you are coming now or not. If you don't come, I will leave."

Moments later, the elderly man's grumbling son started his scooter and sped away, leaving the old man on the road. After some time, the old man, walking in a bent posture, approached an auto rickshaw parked by the side of the Hospital and requested to take him to N.R. Mohalla.

While the auto driver demanded Rs. 350, the old man said he does not have that much cash on him. Finally the auto driver reluctantly agreed for Rs. 200 and took the old man home.

City hunkers down for weekend curfew

The first weekend curfew clamped by the State Government came to a close this morning at 6. With shops closed, deserted streets and lack of movement, it was not a usual weekend with bustling crowds, shops opening with mannequins and articles on display and frequent traffic bottlenecks. Here is an aerial view of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), with the backdrop of Chamundi Hill, that perfectly reflected the mood of the entire city yesterday. *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Dearth of passengers forces KSRTC to ply few buses

Mysuru, Apr.26 (MTY&DM)- Days after transport employees returned to work ending their 15-day strike on Apr. 21, the KSRTC is now facing dearth of passengers following the imposition of weekend curfew and enforcement of other severe restrictions to control the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, which is causing havoc across the country.

Although the KSRTC authorities were ready to operate buses on a full-scale this morning following the weekend curfew that ended at 6 am, the KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand saw only a few passengers, that forced the authorities to operate buses to different destinations only on passenger response.

Although today was the beginning of the week, only office-goers preferred to travel to their place of work, while other commuters seemed to have opted to stay away from travelling.

With poor response, KSRTC operated only a few trips to destinations such as Bengaluru, Hassan, Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga, Davangere, Chamarajanagar, Madikeri, Mangaluru etc., based on the response of commuters.

However, compared to Intra-State services, the KSRTC had more patronage for its Inter-State services, with more number of passengers travelling to various destinations in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The usually buzzing City Bus Stand too had fewer commuters and city bus services were operated based on passenger demand to different localities.

Meanwhile, the KSRTC has issued a circular to all its officials, staff and workers on COVID-19 guidelines to be followed in the operation of buses.

According to the guidelines, all buses will have only 50 percent seat occupancy, with a maximum of 30 passengers. The middle seat in three-seat row will be kept vacant, while in the case of 2-seat row, only one passenger will be allowed to sit. However, today the above rule was not followed.

As the daily curfew is in force from 9 pm to 6 am, buses will be operated in this period only in case of need and also depending upon the number of reserved seats.

During weekend curfew, that will be in effect from 9 pm on Friday till 6 am on Monday, the KSRTC will operate trips only if required. Also, all the operating staff and passengers are required to follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour such as proper wearing of face mask, maintenance of physical distancing and use of hand sanitisers, during travel and at bus stations. Similar is the situation in case of Railways, with regular trains to Bengaluru departing from the city with far fewer passengers than normal this morning.

Former UoM VC Prof. Selvie Das passes away

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After serving as UoM VC for three years (1988-91), Prof. Selvie Das was appointed as a Member of UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) in 1991. She was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in 1997 and served till 2003.

A noted educationist, she had two works to her credit, including the one titled *'New Perspectives on South Asian Women.'*

Prof. Selvie Das, the only woman VC of Mysore University till date, was also instrumental in setting up of Women Studies Centre in UoM when she was the VC.

UoM condoles

The UoM has condoled the death of Prof. Selvie Das. Rich tributes were paid to her at a condolence meeting held in the University premises this morning, which was attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and other officials.

COVID Curfew from tomorrow 9 pm

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The Cabinet meeting comes a day after Karnataka reported a record high of 34,804 new COVID-19 cases as recorded in the April 25 bulletin (the cases are from April 24) out of which 20,733 are from Bengaluru alone. With the fresh spike in cases, the State's COVID tally shot up to 13,39,201, including 2,62,162 active cases, while recoveries increased to 10,62,594. The positivity rate rose to 19.70 percent and the case fatality rate was 0.41 percent across the State on Saturday.

The second agenda before the meeting was to impose weekday curfew only in places where positive cases have spiked like in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Tumakuru, Mangaluru and Kalaburagi while extending the existing night curfew to more days. People would be permitted to purchase essential items between 6 am and10 am. Ministers felt that the night curfew has not seen the much-expected results and as such, COVID cases will see a spike after May 4 if the Government does not take a bold step right now.

Health emergency

The Cabinet discussed declaring a Health Emergency that would enable the Government to stall all development works and utilise the funds only for COVID and virus-related works. The number of cases is increasing by the hour and the situation may be out of control in the next 15 days, the Cabinet noted and deliberated on closing the borders of cities like Bengaluru and Mysuru to prevent entry and exit of people.

While people from other States enter Karnataka, those settled in Bengaluru are migrating to other districts. This is leading to the infection spreading. The Ministers discussed the imposition of Health Emergency and take necessary steps to acquire at least 80 percent of the beds in all the Private Hospitals.

Semi-lockdown continues in Mysuru

Meanwhile in Mysuru, life returned to normalcy after a two-day weekend curfew but a semi-lockdown atmosphere prevailed with the Police allowing only essential services to open. All non-essential services shops including mobile phone stores, malls and textile showrooms, vessels and container shops, malls and metal wares stores and also jewellery stores remained shut.

Hotels and restaurants remained limited to parcel services and there was no dine-ins. Notices were put up in front of each hotel at the entrance and glass facades that only parcels were available. As there was a strong rumour — supported by reports aired on social media and TV channels — that the State Government might go for an extended lockdown, people resorted to panic-buying.

Supermarkets, food chain shops, grocery outlets and oil shops witnessed unusual rush as people crowded to purchase essential items. At Santhepet wholesale mandis, people purchased rise, pulses and grains for them to last till at least a week.

Number of people at funerals restricted to five

The State Government has revised the guidelines to reduce the maximum number of people at funerals from 20 to five. The guidelines were revised to avoid crowding at crematoria and burial grounds, observed in many cities, sources said.

Oxygen plants in 10 districts

The Government has taken the initiative to set up exclusive oxygen plants in 10 districts and 30 taluk hospitals to ensure there is no shortage of oxygen. Highly-placed sources said that the Government has already issued a work order to a Delhi-based company to set up oxygen plants and work is expected to start soon. The Government intends to finish the process of the setup of plants within a month.

Indian women's recurve team wins Gold in Archery World Cup

Guatemala, Apr. 26 - Indian women's recurve team won a Gold Medal in the Archery World Cup in Guatemala yesterday. The team held its nerve to pip Mexico 5-4 (27-26) in an intriguing final to grab a gold medal.

Locked 4-4 in the shoot-off, the Indian team comprising seasoned Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari shot 27 to edge out their Mexican rivals by one point and claim their first World Cup team Gold after seven years.

This is Deepika's fifth World Cup stage event team Gold Medal. Deepika showed utmost composure to drill a perfect 10 in the final arrow of the shoot-off to put pressure on the 2012 London Olympics Silver Medalist Aida Roman who needed a nine but only to drift away for a poor eight score.

This was India's fifth recurve women's team Gold in World Cup having won in Shanghai - 2011, Medellin - 2013, Wroclaw - 2013 and 2014 previously.

Farmers protest against fertilizer price hike

Mysuru, Apr. 26 - Strongly condemning the steep hike in the prices of fertilizers, farmers under the banner of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), staged a demonstration in front of MP Pratap Simha's Office at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning.

Maintaining that the fertilizer price hike will badly hurt the farmers, the protestors urged the Government to roll back hiked prices and come to the rescue of the farmers, who are already reeling under the vagaries of nature and un-remunerative farm prices.

Protesting farmers also urged the BJP-led NDA Government to repeal three farm laws and submitted a memorandum to MP Pratap Simha's Office.

KRRS District President Hosur Kumar, District General Secretary Hosakote Basavaraj, District Organisational Secretary Shettahalli Chandregowda, leaders N. Prasanna Gowda, Naganahalli Vijendra, P. Marankaiah and others were present.

100-bed Hospital in a week

Renovated Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital near Nanjumalige Circle on JLB road in city.

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Pointing out that MUDA will be providing 100 oxygenated beds and other necessary infrastructure including the all important centralised oxygen supply system out of its own funds, he said that only such COVID patients who require oxygen and referred to by the District Administration through its designated portal, will be admitted to this Hospital.

The MCC will take care of Underground Drainage (UGD) and sanitation, sanitisation, cleanliness works and house-keeping services, while Cauvery Hospital will provide all health care staff, including doctors, nurses, para-medical and other support staff, he said.

Expressing hope that the 100 oxygenated bed facility will hugely help in addressing the shortage of beds for COVID patients, Rajeev said that the jurisdictional Lakshmipuram Police will provide security to the Hospital.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar of Cauvery Hospital and a host of other MCC and MUDA officials accompanied the MUDA Chairman during inspection.

Weekend cleaning amidst curfew

While everyone relaxed at home due to weekend curfew, Pourakarmikas as usual were busy collecting the trash and cleaning the major streets in city yesterday. Due to non-availability of transport facility, some of them had to walk to their residences after finishing their daily chores.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Designing home the Feng Shui way

When it comes to locating plots, buildings, orienting homes, placing décor and even planning gardens the first thing which would come to our mind is unhindered flow of energy and a feel good factor. This is quite possible when we plan our home keeping in mind some important tenets of Feng Shui in terms of décor, alignment and design.

The adaptation could extend beyond the framework of building design as it can be used to enhance the interiors, furnishing , décor and other aspects of the design elements in a space.

A simple approach to Feng Shui would be in terms of providing the right plot levels, set backs, proper layout and allocation of rooms. How do we go about this? The basic understanding to allocate rooms in the right sectors is a step after getting to know the interpretation of the magnetic fields and compass directions. Presuming that one has got to know the axis of the plot and located the cardinal magnetic directions, it becomes a lot easier to design a home as per Feng Shui tenets.

Some of the very generic rules in Feng Shui home design are —

Main door: The main door should be the largest door in the home and the door should not open into a kitchen area. Moreover the position of the main door is critical and would vary depending upon the direction and axis of the plot, however doors right on the cardinal directions are considered bad positioning.

Kitchen: What we eat, where we eat and how we eat are all part of the science of health and vitality; hence kitchen location is vital to the overall harmony of the home. Kitchen as many elements which operate in tandem or could be conflicting like Water, fire (stove /electricity), Metal (utensils) etc. In addition locating the stove and sink is of great importance so having the water body away from the fire is quite important.

Master bedroom: This is one of the most important rooms in a home. It is said that deep sleep is when we reunite with the source, hence if we sleep deeply we awaken refreshed ready for the new day. Quality of sleep is far more important than the length of time. Certain locations are more conducive to peaceful sleep than others. Using wooden bed/cot is preferred as wood is benign and warm as against metal beds, which are cold and oppressive, and metal is said to be associated with the planet Saturn.

Living room: This room is the sanctuary for relaxation. Feng Shui treatises says that the centre portion or the"taichi " of the house is not conducive for major activities as it receives least amount of cosmic energy, hence it is beneficial if a major portion of the living room occupies the central zone of the building. Remember to orient your sofas and heavy furniture's such that they occupy the South and west sectors of the room and avoid furniture or blockages at the Northeast sector of the room which is the knowledge sector.

Toilets: In the earlier days the toilets were away from the main house and later they were made 'en-suite' or attached. Toilets should not be too close to kitchen as the food energy and toilet energies are incompatible.

Feng Shui reminds us of the basic relationship between earth, man and cosmos. By adapting these principles our lives, we can create a healthy environment with harmonious living and working environment.

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Ayurveda home remedies boost immunity against Corona: Experts

Mysuru, Apr. 26- As India scrambles to stop the spread of Covid-19, health experts have suggested boosting the body's immune system by taking certain immune-boosting Ayurveda supplements.

There are a number of herbal immune boosters available in the market to choose from. A mixture of herbs such as Holy Basil *(Tulsi),* Cinnamon *(Dalchini),* Black Pepper *(Kari Menasu)* and Raisins *(Onadrakshi)* can be used to prepare *kashaya,* a decoction that is made by boiling the powdered ingredients in water and consumed as prescribed by doctors. Unani medicine *Arq-e-Ajeeb* is a formulation which is said to improve digestion and purify blood.

Samshamana Vati is another trusted Ayurveda medicine, which acts as immune-modulator and improve appetite. It also plays an important role in prevention and treatment of all kind of fevers and viral infections. One can also consume Chyavanprash every day to boost immunity.

Dr. Panduranga, an Ayurveda Health Expert from AYUSH says that anyone can use these Ayurveda home remedies in the form of *kashaya,* but in limited quantity every day. "One can use these spices and herbs on a regular basis every day. It would improve digestion and protect the body from infection. One may add Raisins, Jaggery or Lemon juice for taste. Regular consumption of *amla* (Indian Gooseberry) also boosts immunity and promotes longevity."

Dr. Venugopal, another Ayurveda doctor, has suggested to use *Ashwagandha,* Neem, *Tulsi* etc. on a regular basis. *Ashwagandha kashaya* can be prepared by adding one spoon of *Ashwagandha* powder to 200 ml milk with 200 ml water, boil the ingredients for sufficient time and filter the boiled liquid for consumption.

Last year, PM Modi too had highlighted the benefits of Ayurveda and urged people to "have a look" at AYUSH Ministry's protocol to stay fit by stating that "good health is the harbinger of happiness." The AYUSH Ministry's protocol outlined measures to build a strong immune system and it included consuming warm water, practising yoga, pranayama and meditation for 30 minutes every day.

This Reading Room crying for attention

Here is a classic example of how the authorities have shown apathy in maintaining an 'existing' monumental 36-year-old Reading Room situated near the junction of Pulikeshi Road - Ashoka Road. The broken/ cracked grey marble plaque still exists and it says: ***Reading Room was inaugurated on 2.9.1985 by the then Mayor Satyanarayana and in the presence of Deputy Mayor K. Gopalaswamy, luminaries, and dignitaries of Mysore City.***

But, it has been locked up ever since and is at present a garbage dump and its surrounding, a toilet for people; its roof is collapsed, windows/door are missing and is in a pathetic condition. It is located near some of the oldest slum areas of Mysuru — Lashkar Mohalla, Kailasapuram, Manjunathapura, Veeranagere, Gumchi.

The Reading Room could have certainly inculcated a habit of reading/improving literacy among slum dwellers, had it been maintained properly by ensuring regular supply of daily newspapers of different languages for catering to the different class/vernacular readers and comic books etc., for attracting children.

I appeal to MCC Commissioner, Ministers, Corporators, Library Department officials to visit this slum area Reading Room in Lashkar Mohalla and take action for improving the dilapidated building at the earliest.

There are many public libraries in extensions and an inspection may be conducted to find out whether they are worthy of visit by people.

It will not be out of place if attention is drawn to earlier news items that appeared in *Star of Mysore* — "Libraries in all 65 wards of the city soon: Mayor" *(SOM* dated Feb. 14, 2020) and "Libraries in the State to have buildings of their own" *(SOM* dated Nov. 15, 2010) in which Minister for Libraries 'disclosed' that there are 7,000 libraries in the State and his intention is to provide own buildings to those that are functioning in rented buildings.

—Vasanthkumar Mysoremath,
Social Activist

World Book Day celebrated

Mysuru, Apr. 26- The Department of Public Libraries celebrated World Book Day by organising book expos at all its libraries in city and district on Friday.

In Mysuru City, the day was celebrated at the City Central Library on Sayyaji Rao Road, Kuvempu Gnana Thana service centre and at libraries in Vivekanandanagar, Jayalakshmipuram, J.P. Nagar, Hebbal, Niveditha nagar, Chamundipuram, Ashokapuram, Jayanagar, Saraswathipuram, Ramakrishnanagar, Siddarthanagar, P.K. Sanatorium and Lalitha Mahal Nagar.

In the district, the Day was celebrated by organising book expos at T. Narasipur, Bannur, Saragur, Nanjangud, Hunsur and H.D. Kote libraries.

UNIQUE Pre-School for Special Children

By Mohan Kayaka

By 2050, nearly 2.5 billion people are projected to have some degree of hearing loss as per a recent World Health Organisation's (WHO) report. In India, 63 million people (6.3%) suffer from significant auditory loss and four in every 1,000 children are suffering from severe to profound hearing loss.

For children diagnosed and intervened at a very early stage, regular pre-school programmes are the best option. However, assistance from special teachers would be required so that the child develops good reading and writing skills, but for children who are diagnosed late or those who have not developed adequate functional language must be enrolled in special pre–school programmes.

Established in 1966, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, has been providing professional training and education to the public on issues related to communication disorders such as hearing impairment, mental retardation, voice, fluency and language disorders.

AIISH has set up a unique pre-school for little children in the year 2003. Special Pre-School curriculum has been designed to suit the needs of these children. Here, they learn conversational skills using various scientifically proven techniques. Activities such as storytelling and guided play have been contrived to develop receptive and expressive language in hearing impaired children.

AIISH Pre-School is the only model school in the country to provide special education for such children in six languages. Little kids suffering neuro-developmental conditions such as autism spectrum disorder, deafness and physically and cognitive impairments are being educated and treated at one place here.

Every year, parents from places such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar visit this Pre-School for special aid and support. Out of 30 classrooms, 23 rooms have been earmarked for the benefit of these children. A total of 15 special teachers along with three lecturers and five assistant staff have been working here.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, a special teacher working here said, "In this Pre-School campus, we have built a life size model of signal light and zebra crossing. Every day, these little kids walk hand-in-hand, observe traffic lights and learn to follow traffic rules. For them, learning is a continuous process and such life size models are certainly helping them a lot."

Each classroom here is a smart room and has been specially designed to suit the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of these special children. To enhance learning and nurture curiosity, these smart classes have been equipped with colourful pictures and toys. The concept of theme-based learning model has been implemented here.

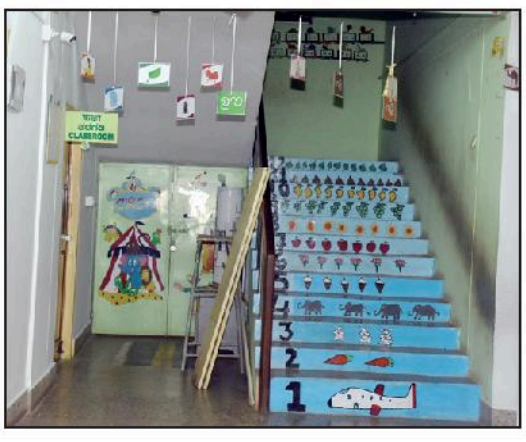
For example, the topic of wildlife and environment is taught with the aid of life size models and attractive visuals. Children here learn about Mysuru Dasara festival with a colourful model of 'Chinnara Dasara.' Classroom walls have been adorned with the most eye-catching theme-based paintings to aid in this process. Music, sports and meditation are also part of the curriculum here. The school also houses a unique library where kids can borrow books and toys.

"Clinically, persons with special needs refer to individuals who require assistance for their disabilities. One might be born with certain disabilities, but there is no rule that they have to remain the same throughout their life. Each year, 400 to 500 special children get enrolled to AIISH. For those children who become eligible for enrolling into normal schools, we hold and celebrate 'Pre-school Graduation Day' every year."

— Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH

"AIISH Pre-School is the only model school in the country to provide special education for such children in six languages. Various educational services such as Parent Infant Programme (PIP), Pre-School Parent Empowerment Programme (PPEP), Pre-School Programme and Curricular Support Services (CSS) are provided to children with communication disorders. Most importantly, six persons with special needs are pursing Ph.D degree here."

— Dr. Alok Kumar Upadhyay
Associate Professor, AIISH, Mysuru



WORD OF THE DAY

Purloin

Pronunciation: per-LOYN.
Meaning: To appropriate wrongfully and often by a breach of trust.
Origin: The word purloin features in the title of a famous Edgar Allan Poe story in its past tense form: "The Purloined Letter" was included in Poe's 1845 Tales, and involves the search for a letter that a Cabinet Minister has stolen and is now using to blackmail the rightful owner, an unnamed woman of royalty. When Poe opted for purloin for his story, he was employing a term in use since the 15th century with the meaning "to put away; to inappropriately take or make use of." The word had earlier use, now obsolete, with the meaning "to set aside; to render inoperative or ineffectual," a meaning that links more clearly to the word's Anglo-French origin: purluigner means "to prolong, postpone, set aside," and comes from pur-, meaning "forward," and luin, loing, meaning "at a distance." Its ultimate root is Latin longus, long, meaning "long."
Example: "A comfortable career of prosperity, if it does not make people honest, at least keeps them so. An alderman coming from a turtle feast will not step out of his carriage to steal a leg of mutton; but put him to starve, and see if he will not purloin a loaf." — William Makepeace Thackeray, Vanity Fair, 1848.

THE ODD WORD

Paciferous

Peace-bringing.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Par for the course

Meaning: The phrase par for the course means something that is normal or common; it's what you would expect to happen.
Origin: This phrase is believed to originate from golf. In golf, the term 'par' is common. It means that each individual hole, or in some cases the entire course, has a set number of strokes an experienced golfer is expected to take in order to finish it. For example, if you were at a par-five hole at a golf course, that means it should take a total of 5 swings to finish. Of course, whether a person can do that is dependent on their skill level. If someone completes the par-five hole in five swings, then they score a par. In other words, they completed it using a normal amount of strokes. Basically, a "par" is considered to be a "normal" score in golf. Eventually, it seems the saying 'par for the course' became an idiom that was used for other things that were considered normal or expected. Anyways, the earliest we could find this phrase in print outside the context of golf and in a figurative way, was in the Princeton Alumni Weekly, May 1932: "Whatever is to be done in Washington would better be done quickly. If the industry and business knew the par for the course people would be disposed to go ahead."

QUOTE BOX

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.—**Benjamin Franklin**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Beat around the bush.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Naval air station, acronym
4 Idiotic persons
8 Drink made from honey
12 Little devil
13 Broth - "opus" anagram?
14 Wood and string toy (2-2)
15 Famous city in Australia
17 Observed
18 Bristles - "tease" anagram?
19 Money taken as loan which is still not returned?
21 Title for a married woman, in short
23 Fuel oil similar to petrol?
27 Cloth fragment
30 British sailor
32 Small South African antelope
33 Antiquing liquid
35 Regional Airline Assoc.
37 Bowl a delivery that pitches directly under the bat
38 Strained food
40 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
42 Notice of exception, abbr.
43 Persuades to evil
45 Chow mein enhancer
47 Athlete P.T. ___
49 Perceive
53 Narrow notch
56 Levels of authority
58 Narrow alley
59 Wraths
60 Empty space
61 Took to court
62 Guides in different subjects for the school children?
63 James Bond for one, Nick Carter for another?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	I	S	C	■	H	A	L	F	■	G	O	A
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C	O	N	T	E	M	P	T	■	■	N	I	L
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A	A	G	■	■	I	N	C	A	M	E	R	A
S	L	A	T	E	■	T	O	L	U	■	■	■
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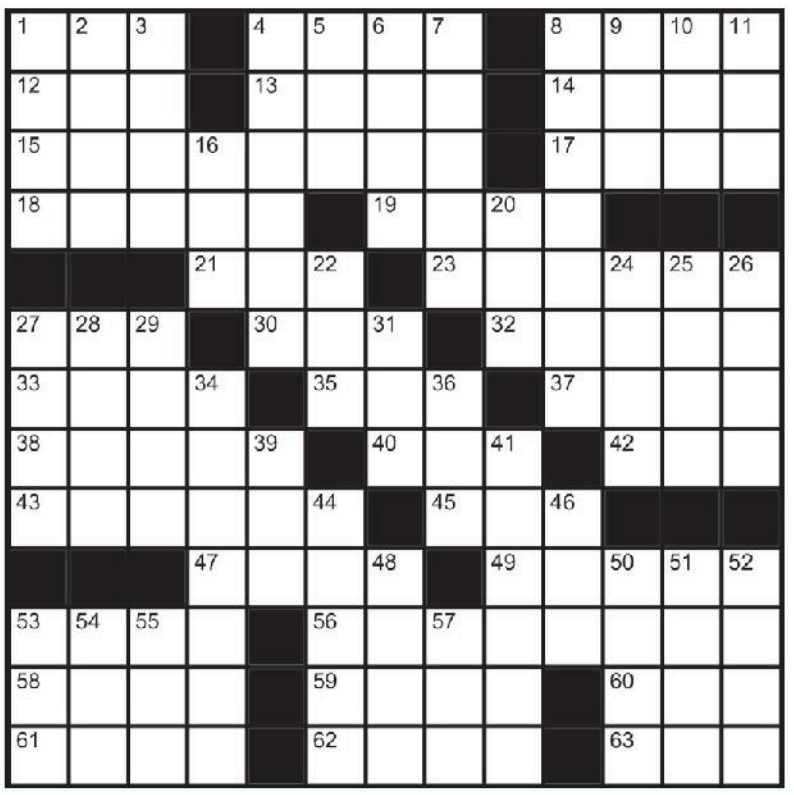
DOWN
1 Points of pens
2 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
3 Roasting-rod?
4 ____ Sitwell : Poet Edith's brother
5 Angle-of-attack
6 Supply with money
7 Rapidity
8 Puzzling affair
9 Equal opportunity employer abbr
10 Affirmative vote
11 Get into
16 U.S. Govt. Uncle ___
20 Prefix meaning "life"?
22 Some Assembly Required
24 The city of Jerusalem
25 Spain's longest river
26 Similar to, matching
27 Engrossed
28 Fever
29 Harmful bacterium
31 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
34 Considered, believed
36 Branch
39 Aliens?
41 Estimate value
44 The head of a Bedouin family
46 Come together
48 Area of land
50 Wooden pegs, pins, or blocks
51 Make a quick, sudden bite
52 Catch sight of
53 Satellite Landing Sys.
54 Fiji island
55 Only partner
57 Pink Floyd's ___ You



SUDOKO

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9			1			4		
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				6	3		2	7

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	1	7	3	8	9	6	5
7	3	8	5	9	6	4	1	2
6	9	5	1	2	4	3	7	8
8	7	3	4	1	2	6	5	9
1	6	9	3	7	5	8	2	4
4	5	2	6	8	9	7	3	1
5	1	4	8	6	3	2	9	7
3	2	7	9	4	1	5	8	6
9	8	6	2	5	7	1	4	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NSV VSIPL DNBE BD VUSQP BEH IJJBPT: VUSQP DNBEQHO

QL HBV QHJBHLQLVSHV EQVU QHEIPT WSIJS IHT UIPFBHG.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Everybody knows if you are too careful you are so occupied in being careful that you are sure to stumble over something.

DC gets past SRH in super over

Chennai, Apr. 26 (UNI)- Delhi Capitals (DC) edged past Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the first super over finish of this year's IPL here last night.

Batting first, DC finished at 159 for four with opener Prithvi Shah making a quickfire half century and Shikar Dhawan and captain Rishab Pant contributing 28 and 37 respectively.

In reply, SRH lost skipper David Warner early, but Kiwi Kane Williamson's half century (66 not out, 51 balls, 8x4) and Jonny Bairstow (38, 18 balls, 3x4, 4x6) restored confidence, before SRH lost wickets continuously.

However, a six by J. Suchith, who came in for Bhuvaneswar Kumar, in the last over, ensured that the contest extended to super over, as SRH finished at 159 for 7. In the super over, DC's Axar Patel conceded just eight runs, with David Warner's one run-short turning the table in favour of DC.

SRH scored eight runs (minus-1 for one run short), and DC romped home off the last ball.

With this win DC emerged as the second topper in the table behind CSK, which had earlier defeated RCB.

SCOREBOARD

SRH: David Warner (run out) 6, Jonny Bairstow c Dhawan b Avesh Khan 38, Kane Williamson (not out) 66, Virat Singh c Stoinis b Avesh Khan 4, Kedhar Jadhav st Pnat b Amit Mishra 9, Abhishek Sharma lbw Patel 5, Rashid Khan lbw Patel 0, Vijay Shankar lbw AVesh Khan 8, J Suchich (not out) 14.

Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-5) 9; **Total:** 159 for seven in 20 overs.

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-56, 4-84, 4-104, 5-117, 6-117, 7-136.

DC: Prithvi Shah (run out) 53, Shikar Dhawan b Rashid Khan 28, Rishab Pant c Sucith b Kaul 37, Steven Smith (not out) 34, Shermon Hetmeyer c Wiliamson b Kaul 1, Marcus Stonis (not out) 2.

Extras: (b-1, nb-1, w-2) 4; **Total:** 159 for four in 20 overs.

Fall of wickets: 1-81, 2-84, 3-142, 4-145.

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 26)

PBKS Vs KKR — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 27)

DC Vs RCB — 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

CSK - 191 / 4 (20)
beat
RCB - 122 / 9 (20)

SRH - 159 / 7 (7/0)
lose in super over to
DC - 159 / 4 (8/0)

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Jadeja's all-round show leads CSK to 69-run win over RCB

Mumbai, Apr. 26 (UNI)- Ravindra Jadeja's all-round show (69 and 3 wickets) led Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to 69 run win over Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the 19th match of the IPL 2021, here on Sunday.

CSK scored 191 for four in 20 overs after skipper M.S. Dhoni opted to bat on winning the toss.

Jadeja smashed 62 off 28 balls, including 37 runs in the innings' final over with the help of five sixes and a four off purple cap holder Harshal Patel's bowling.

Apart from Jadeja, CSK openers Faf du Plessis (50 off 41 balls) and and Ruturaj Gaikwad (33) also made valuable contributions with the bat. Harshal was the most successful bowler for RCB with figures of 3/51.

In reply, RCB were restricted to 122 for 9 in 20 overs.

For RCB, Devdutt Padikkal top-scored with a blazing 34 off just 15 balls while Glenn Maxwell scored 22 off 15 balls during his short stay at the crease.

For CSK, Jadeja also shone with the ball and finished with excellent figures of 3/13 including taking the big wickets of AB de Villiers and Glenn Maxwell while veteran South African leg-spinner Imran Tahir (2/16) picked up two wickets.

BRIEF SCORES

CSK: 191/4 in 20 overs (Ravindra Jadeja 62 not out, Faf du Plessis 50, Ruturaj Gaikwad 33; Harshal Patel 3/51). **RCB:** 122/9 in 20 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 34; Ravindra Jadeja 3/13, Imran Tahir 2/16).

Nadal wins Barcelona Open for 12th time

Barcelona, Apr. 26 (UNI)- Rafael Nadal beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 in the final of the 68th edition of the Banco Sabadell Barcelona Open, which is better known as the Conde de Godo Trophy, on Sunday to claim the title for the 12th time in his career.

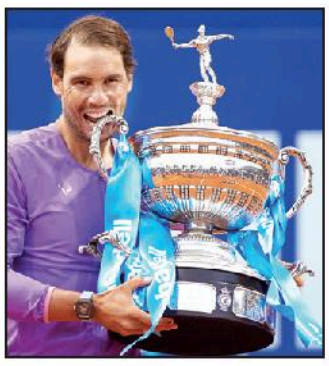
Nadal had knocked Ilya Ivashka, Kei Nishikori, Cameron Norrie, and Pablo Carreno Busta on his way to the final, playing on his favoured clay surface.

The Mallorcan-born player had two match points in the second set, which he eventually lost on a tie-break to the fifth-ranked player in the world, but he claimed the title after an exciting third set to repeat his 2018 triumph against Tsitsipas in the same competition.

Tsitsipas gave Nadal all sorts of problems with his serve, which reached speeds of 215 kilometers an hour, and he had only suffered one break on his way to Sunday's match.

However, in front of what is virtually his home crowd, Nadal made full use of his experience and his power from the baseline.

Speaking to the press after the final, Nadal said the satisfaction of winning the Conde de Godo had not dimmed after all of the years of his long career, and he welcomed the presence of a limited number of fans in the stands.



"The title means a lot more to me, playing it with an audience after the year that we have had," commented Nadal, who also had words for his rival.

"Stefanos is an incredible opponent, the number 1 of the year, and I knew how hard the final was going to be. It has everything, and it is a very important victory for me," he said.

The title is the 87th of his career and the first since he won the French Open (Roland Garros) last year and shows Nadal is returning to form after his disappointment in Monte Carlo and ahead of the forthcoming Mutual Madrid Open, which starts next week.

Don't create artificial scarcity of beds: DC warns Pvt. Hospitals

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri chairing a meeting with Managements of Private Hospitals at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.26 (SSV)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has warned of stern action against Private Hospitals which will try to create artificial scarcity of beds despite availability of sufficient number of beds to treat COVID-19 patients.

Chairing a meeting with Managements of Private Hospitals at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday, the DC said that 50 percent of beds in their Hospitals must be reserved for COVID patients as per guidelines issued by the State Government. Details of this must be given to the District Administration daily.

"The number of Corona positive cases is increasing and none should face the situation of running from one Hospital to another in search of bed. Details of the vacant ventilators and oxygenated beds must be given to Arogya Mithra and Nodal Officer appointed by the District Administration," she added.

The Deputy Commissioner said the second wave of COVID-19 was very dangerous and there should not be any delay in the treatment. The health infrastructure was very robust in Mysuru District and it should not get a bad name if any patient dies without getting treatment, she said and urged the Private Hospitals to join hands with the District Administration to provide good treatment for patients.

Death audit must

DC Rohini Sindhuri said that death audit must be done on the same day of patient's death and the standard procedure must be followed by all Private Hospitals. The district administration was taking all care to ensure that there will not be any shortage of oxygen in Hospitals. At the same time the Hospitals must inform in advance regarding the availability of oxygen. Every single patient admitted to Hospital must get good treatment, she noted.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, ZP Deputy Secretary Premkumar, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad, District Family Welfare Officer Dr. P. Ravi, District AYUSH Officer Dr. Seethalakshmi and others were present.

Govt. nod sought to start two more COVID treatment centres in Mysuru city

Mysuru, Apr. 26- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has written to the State Government seeking permission to add 300 beds at Trauma Care Centre to take the tally to 700 beds and another 300 beds at Super Specialty Hospital with 20,000 litres capacity oxygen unit to deal with the current COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to T.K. Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Medical Education Department, she has said that the number of COVID positive cases is increasing and causing additional burden on the existing treatment centres. In view of this, there is a dire need to start COVID treatment at the Super Speciality Hospital and PKTB Hospital. This required the Government's permission.

At present, the district has 5,040 active cases. The current COVID treatment centres were not sufficient for local patients, as COVID positive patients were coming from other districts including Bengaluru city, which resulted in increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in the district, she added.

In the wake of grim situation, she has appealed to the Government to increase the oxygenated beds in all the Hospitals in city, besides opening of new COVID treatment centres along with increase in the medical staff. If COVID treatment was started in Super Speciality Hospital, then they need to set up 20,000 litre capacity oxygen generating unit in the Hospital. Till then, the Government must permit the District Administration to make use of 20 Dura oxygen cylinders.

Contents of the letter

- Permission to set up 250 oxygenated beds and 50 ICU at Super Speciality Hospital which lacked facilities to treat COVID patients.
- Permission required to start a unit to generate 20,000 litres oxygen. Required medical equipment for hospital.
- Nod required to set up 100 oxygenated beds at PKTB Hospital.
- Permission needed to increase bed strength at Trauma Care Centre up to 500 beds.
- Permission needed to appoint 30 doctors, 250 nurses and 250 Paramedics and Group-D workers on contract basis.

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